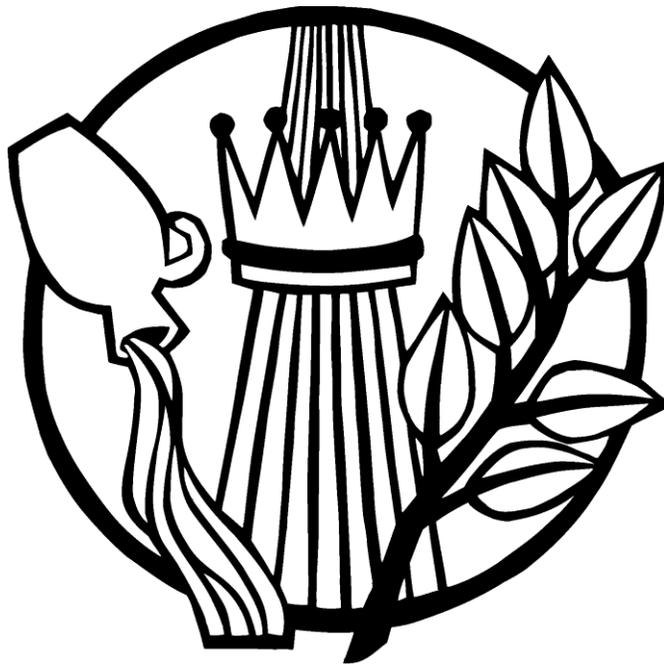


+ Holy Communion +

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A cordial welcome to all!

Welcome to Trinity! Please help us know you're with us by completing the attendance card included in this folder. Those who are able are encouraged to follow the directions for sitting, standing and turning as they appear in this service folder.

As a Reconciling in Christ community of faith, Trinity intentionally welcomes all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. With other Valparaiso area churches, we resist and oppose racism and other forms of prejudice in our churches and in our community. We commit ourselves to welcome all people as equally loved, forgiven, accepted, and blessed children of God.

Church facilities

An **elevator** and **parking lot** are located on the west side of the building. **Activity bags** for children five years and under are located in the coatroom. **Restrooms** are available on the upper floor in the educational wing and on the bottom floor near the fellowship hall. A **handicap-accessible restroom** is located on the bottom floor across from the fellowship hall.

Communion Statement

At Trinity, the Holy Communion is celebrated in accordance with Holy Scripture and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church. In the Sacrament of the Altar Our Lord offers his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the church to those who are baptized. **Baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to receive the Sacrament with us.** If you have a question whether you should receive the Sacrament, please see the pastor before the beginning of worship.

Communion Options

Our Lord instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion using consecrated bread and wine. Please let the pastor know if you wish to have **gluten-free bread**.

+ The Holy Communion +

The assembly's responses are listed in bold. All hymns are from Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

GATHERING

Preparing for Worship

Gathering Music

"Prelude in A" BWV 536a

J. S. Bach

INSTALLATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION STAFF

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

The presiding minister pronounces absolution.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN # 660
Instrumental only

“Lift High the Cross”

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

At the end of the prayer all respond, Amen.

Then the assembly sits.

WORD

CHILDREN’S TIME

First Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The reading ends:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody:

Psalm 116:1-9

Cantor only



¹I love the Lord, who has ¹heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹supplication,
²for the Lord has given ¹ear to me
whenev- ¹er I called.
³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave ¹came upon me;
I came to ¹grief and sorrow.
⁴Then I called upon the name ¹of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray you, ¹save my life.”
⁵Gracious is the ¹Lord and righteous;
our God is full ¹of compassion.
⁶The Lord watches o- ¹ver the innocent;
I was brought low, ¹and God saved me.
⁷Turn again to your rest, ¹O my soul.
for the Lord has dealt ¹well with you.
⁸For you have rescued my ¹life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my ¹feet from stumbling;

⁹I will walk in the presence ^l of the Lord
in the land ^l of the living.

Second Reading:

James 3:1-12

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

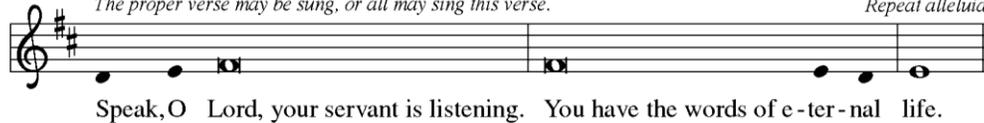
Gospel Acclamation

Cantor only



The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.

Repeat alleluia



Gospel:

Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord!

The reading ends:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sit

Sermon

Following the sermon, there is silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day # 798

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Instrumental only

BLESSING OF CATECHUMENS

Students enrolled in catechetical instruction gather with their parents/sponsors at the front of the church.

Dear friends, these persons have been called by God’s Spirit to inquire into the Christian faith and life in this congregation. Together, let us welcome them into this time of inquiry and learning.

Students, do you promise to be regular in attending the worship of God and in receiving instruction?

Students: I promise, with God’s help.

Will you open your ears to hear the Word of God
and your heart and mind to receive the Lord Jesus?

Students: I will, and I ask God to help me.

The pastor then addresses the sponsors and parents:

Parents and sponsors, will you support these persons by prayer
and example and help them to grow in the knowledge and
love of God?

Parents/sponsors: I will, and I ask God to help me.

*The pastor invites the parents and sponsors to place a hand
on the shoulder of the one they are sponsoring. The pastor then says:*

May Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has put the
desire into your hearts to seek the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
grant you the power of the Holy Spirit to persevere in
your commitment and to grow in faith and understanding.

Amen.

*Catechumens turn toward their parents/sponsors, who mark a cross on their forehead and
heart as the pastor says:*

Brothers and sisters, receive the sign of the cross on your forehead ...and in your heart... in
the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray:

Merciful and most high God,
creator and life-giver of all that is,
you have called all people from darkness into light,
from error into truth, from death into life.
We ask you to bless these your servants.
Raise them by your Spirit. Revive them by your word.
Form them by your hand, that with all your people
they may bear witness to your grace and
praise you forever through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world.

Each petition ends:

. . . Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

. . . through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All greet one another with a gesture of peace, using words such as, "Peace be with you."

MEAL

Sit

Gathering of Gifts

Music during the offering:

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Hymn #815

Adult Choir

There is no separate Offertory. Once the gifts have been gathered, the ushers lead the procession forward to the altar.

As the gifts are brought forward, all stand:

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:

Cantor only.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

All praise to you, glorious God of grace....
...With Mary, we magnify your name:
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

...With Mary, again we magnify your name:
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

...With Mary, once more we magnify your name:
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

. . . you who mother and feed and comfort us, today, tomorrow, and forever.
Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The minister addresses the assembly:

All who hunger and thirst, come.
The table is ready.

Sit

Communion

By Christ's invitation, baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to receive the Sacrament with us. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicating so by either crossing their arms over their chest or by folding their hands. There is no dismissal. Please follow the ushers' directions for getting to and from the Table.

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond Amen.*

Music during communion:

“Song Without Words” No. 34

Paul Schreiner

After the Lord’s Table is cleared, the people stand.

Prayer

*At the end of the prayer the people respond, **Amen.***

Then the assembly sits for the announcements.

SENDING

Stand

Blessing

Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sending Hymn # 733

All – VI only

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Fugue in G”

J. S. Bach

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